certificate of purchase issued to Jones these words were written: "This receipt is issued under the order of the Secretary of the Interior, dated February 28th, 1898, subject to any claim the Northern Pacific Railroad Company may have to the lands herein described." Of course, the Secretary had no authority to do this, and his act had no legal efficacy. If the Railroad Company had rights superior to those acquired by Jones those rights could have been protected despite the certificate issued to Jones. If it had none, then the endorsement across the face of the certificate is to be regarded simply as a warning to Jones that he might have in the future a contest with the Railroad Company. The endorsement that Jones' purchase was subject to any claim the company "may have." neither added nor took away rights that belonged at the time to either the company or to Jones.

In our opinion the judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals should be affirmed.

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APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

No. 12. Argued April 27, 28, 1910.—Restored to docket for reargument December 19, 1910.—Reargued January 19, 20, 1911.—Decided February 20, 1911.

Decided on authority of Weyerhaeuser v. Hoyt, ante, p. 380.

THE facts are stated in the opinion.

Mr. Charles W. Bunn and Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, with whom Mr. Stiles W. Burr was on the brief, for appellants in No. 24 and appellees in No. 12.

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Mr. Charles W. Bunn for plaintiffs in error in No. 181.

Mr. M. H. Stanford, with whom Mr. H. H. Hoyt was on the brief, for appellees in No. 24 and appellants in No. 12.

Mr. P. B. Gorman for defendant in error in No. 181.1

Mr. Chief Justice White delivered the opinion of the court.

This case and the *Hout case*, just decided, are of the same general character, and were consolidated and tried below as one case. In this case, however, the application of Campbell to purchase the tract by him claimed was rejected by the Land Department, and Campbell was not permitted to enter the land. The land furnishing the selection basis also lay further west in Minnesota than the lost tract in the Hoyt case. The Court of Appeals held that Campbell acquired no equitable interest in the land by his application, and the denial thereof, and consequently he could not maintain a bill in equity to charge the title under the patent issued to the railroad company upon a selection of a tract as lieu land, and affirmed the decree of the Circuit Court dismissing the bill. As in any event the decision rendered in the Hout case is decisive of this, we hold that the bill was rightly dismissed, and the decree of the Circuit Court of Appeals is therefore

Affirmed.

Mr. Justice Harlan and Mr. Justice Day dissent for the reasons set forth in the dissenting opinion in case of Weyerhaeuser v. Hoyt, ante, p. 380.

¹ This case was argued simultaneously with No. 24, Weyerhaeuser v. Hoyt, ante, p. 380, and No. 181, Northern Pacific Railway Company v. Wass, post, p. 426.